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#101 12 MEN
FORMIDABLE ASUKA TOORU, ENO HIGH JUST BARELY DEFENDED AGAINST YOUIN'S ONSLAUGHT!
HOWEVER YOUIN'S CORNER KICK 10 MINUTES INTO THE MATCH, THEIR PREDICAMENT CONTINUES.
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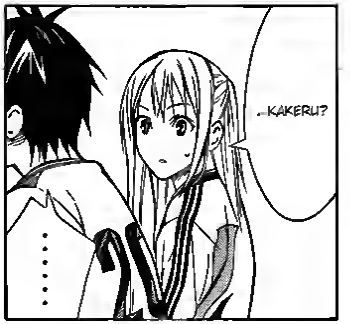
AMAZING PLAY, ASUKA-SAN'S OVERLAP EARLIER
ALTHOUGH HE'S AN OPPONENT, I ENDED UP BECOMING EXCITED UNCONSCIOUSLY
YEAH.


..KAKERU?
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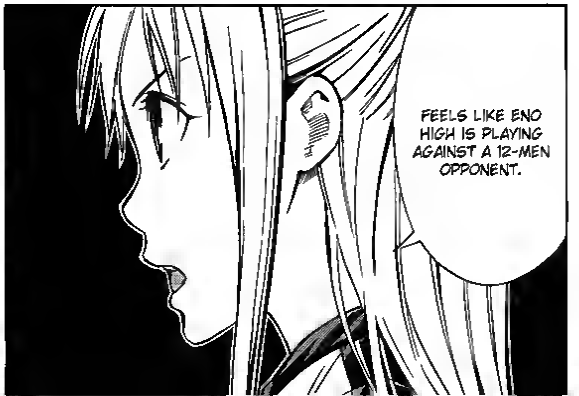
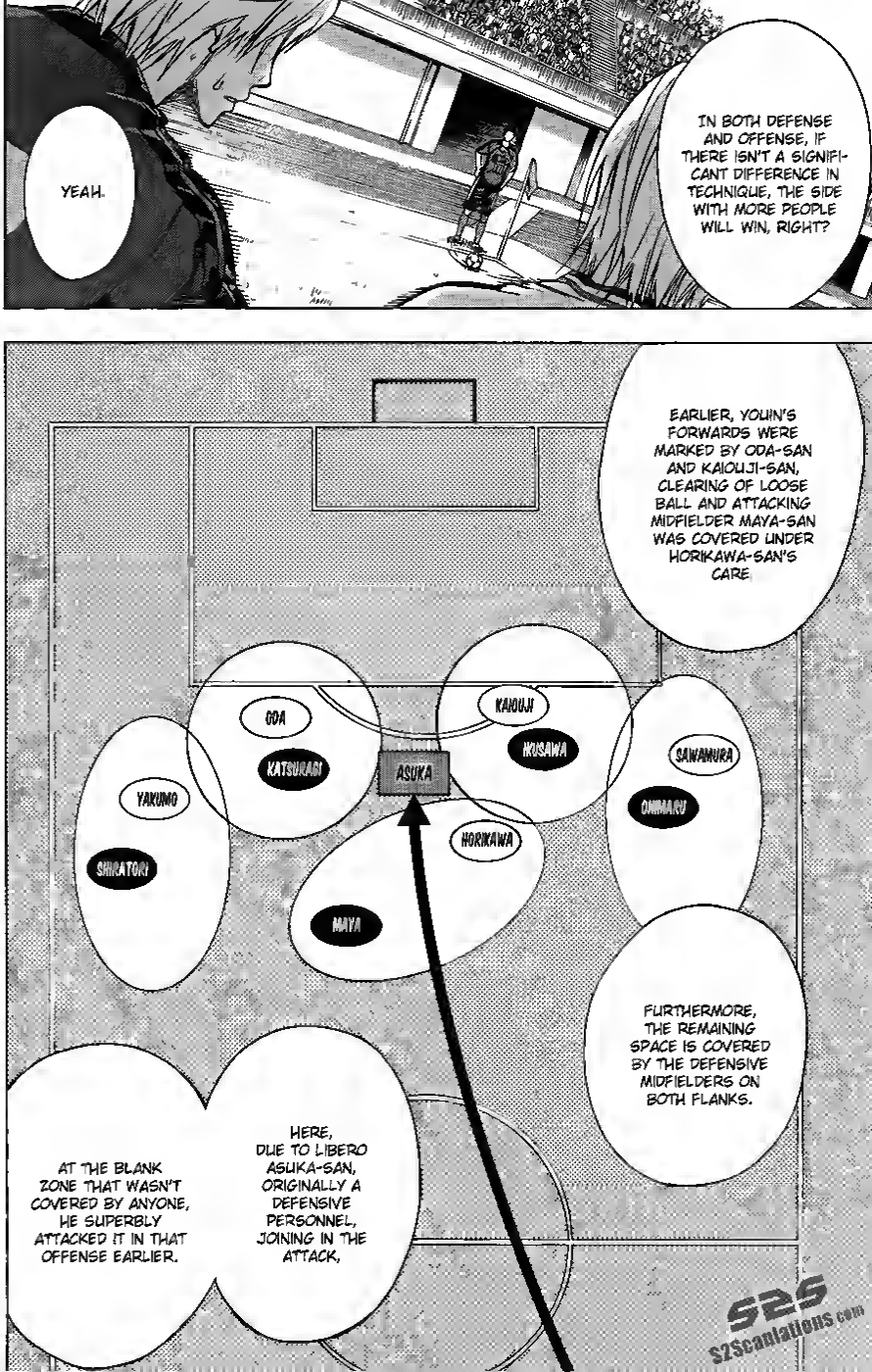
It's against the rules to have 12-men on the pitch Nanase-chan!
12-MEN OPPONENT? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
I THINK FOOTBALL IS A GAME BASED ON THE LOGIC OF NUMBERS


FEELS LIKE ENO HIGH IS PLAYING AGAINST A 12-MEN OPPONENT.


YEAH.
IN BOTH DEFENSE AND OFFENSE, IF THERE ISN'T A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN TECHNIQUE, THE SIDE WITH MORE PEOPLE WILL WIN, RIGHT?
EARLIER, YOUIN'S FORWARDS WERE MARKED BY ODA-SAN AND KAIOUJI-SAN, CLEARING OF LOOSE BALL AND ATTACKING MIDFIELDER MAYA-SAN WAS COVERED UNDER HORIKAWA-SAN'S CARE.
ODA
KATSURAGI
KAIOUJI
KUSAWA
SAWAMURA
ONIMARU
ASUKA
HORIKAWA
YAKUMO
SHIRATORI
MAYA
FURTHERMORE, THE REMAINING SPACE IS COVERED BY THE DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDERS ON BOTH FLANKS.
HERE, DUE TO LIBERO ASUKA-SAN, ORIGINALLY A DEFENSIVE PERSONNEL, JOINING IN THE ATTACK,
AT THE BLANK ZONE THAT WASN'T COVERED BY ANYONE, HE SUPERBLY ATTACKED IT IN THAT OFFENSE EARLIER.
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THEREFORE, A TEAM WHICH HAS A HIGH LEVEL LIBERO WHO CAN TAKE PART IN OFFENSE AND NATURALLY DEFEND IS
SIMILAR TO HAVING ONE MORE PERSON THAN USUAL, PLAYING WITH 12 MEN!
YEAH, WE WERE RESCUED BY LEE-SAN'S NICE SAVE BUT IT WAS STILL DANGEROUS.
ASUKA'S HEADER WAS CAUGHT TIGHTLY BY GOALKEEPER, LEE!
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NOW THEN, ENO HIGH HAS KEPT OUT THE CONSECUTIVE ONSLAUGHT.
HOPE THEY CAN SWITCH TO COUNTER-ATTACK SOON!
GO FORWARD!

AHHH, A SUDDEN LONG KICK! TO THE RIGHT!!
MATOBE CALLED FOR THE BALL AND RAN!
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ALL RIGHT! NICE ONE, KAORU-KUN!!
PREVIOUSLY AFTER BEING SHRUGGED OFF TWICE BY FEINTS, THIS TIME HE'S CLOSELY MARKING MATOBE BEFORE HE GETS THE BALL! NOW, WHAT WILL HE DO!?
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RUNNING UP TO RECEIVE THE BALL DOWN THE SIDELINES AND CHASING AFTER MATOBE CLOSELY IS DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER OOTSUKI!
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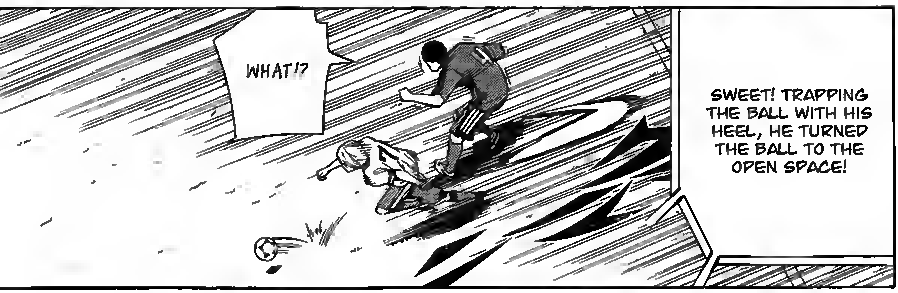
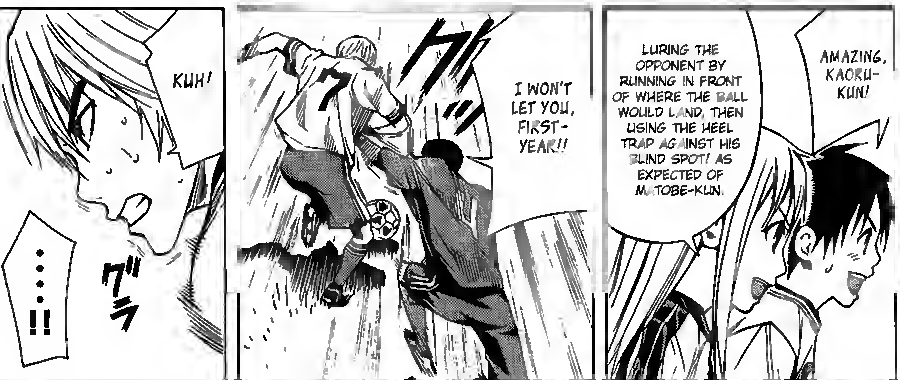
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO KEEP THE BALL!


WHAT!?
SWEET! TRAPPING THE BALL WITH HIS HEEL, HE TURNED THE BALL TO THE OPEN SPACE!


KUH!
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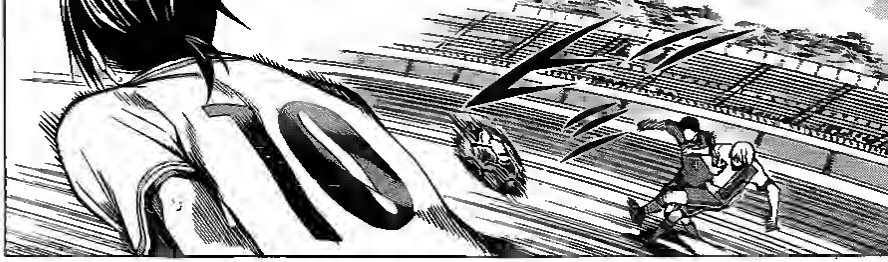
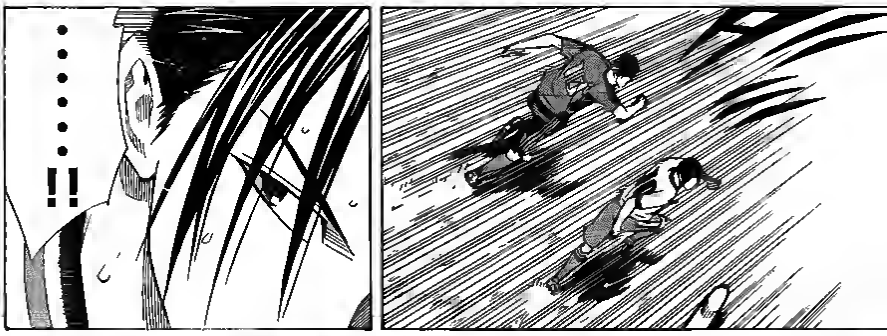
I WON'T LET YOU, FIRST-YEAR!!
LURING THE OPPONENT BY RUNNING IN FRONT OF WHERE THE BALL WOULD LAND, THEN USING THE HEEL TRAP AGAINST HIS BLIND SPOT! AS EXPECTED OF MATOBE-KUN.
AMAZING, KAORU-KUN!





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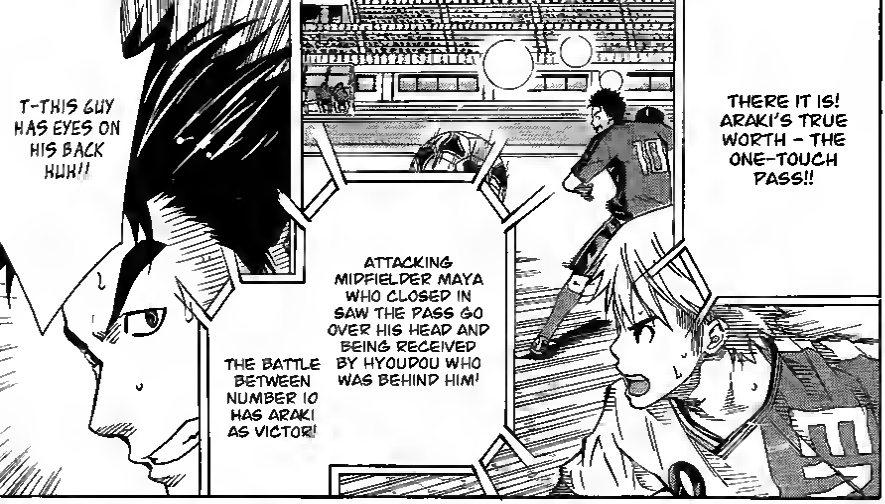
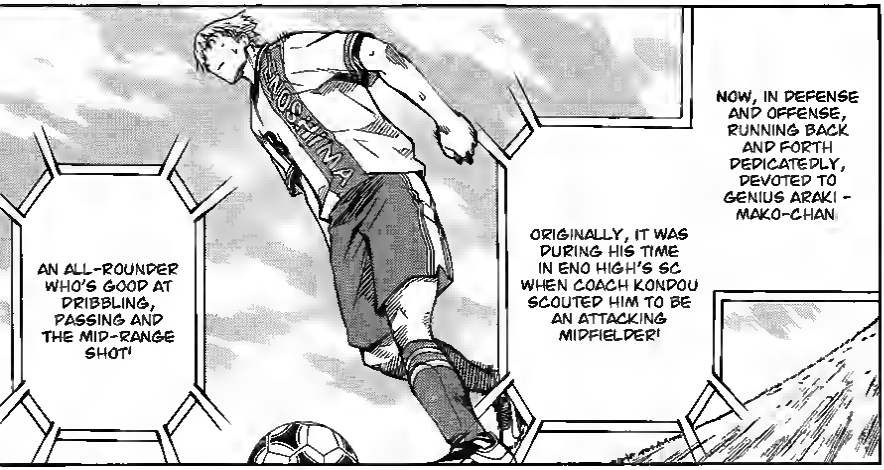

T-THIS GUY HAS EYES ON HIS BACK HUH!!
THE BATTLE BETWEEN NUMBER 10 HAS ARAKI AS VICTOR!
ATTACKING MIDFIELDER MAYA WHO CLOSED IN SAW THE PASS GO OVER HIS HEAD AND BEING RECEIVED BY HYOUDOU WHO WAS BEHIND HIM!
THERE IT IS! ARAKI'S TRUE WORTH - THE ONE-TOUCH PASS!!


AN ALL-ROUNDER WHO'S GOOD AT DRIBBLING, PASSING AND THE MID-RANGE SHOT!
ORIGINALLY, IT WAS DURING HIS TIME IN ENO HIGH'S SC WHEN COACH KONDOU SCOUTED HIM TO BE AN ATTACKING MIDFIELDER!
NOW, IN DEFENSE AND OFFENSE, RUNNING BACK AND FORTH DEDICATEDLY, DEVOTED TO GENIUS ARAKI - MAKO-CHAN!

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ODA RUNS TOWARDS IT!
MID-RANGE SHOOOOOT!!

IT'S ASUKA!!
EARLIER WITH THE HEADED GOAL ATTEMPT, ASUKA HAS ALREADY RETURNED TO HIS GOAL FRONT.
THE RIGHT!! FORECHECK HIM!! THEY'RE GOING FOR THE COUNTER-ATTACK!!
EH!!
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OH NO! IN AN INSTANT, THE CLEARANCE HAS FALLEN INTO THE OPEN SPACE ON ENO HIGH'S RIGHT SIDE...
DAMN, THEY CAN'T REACH IT! BREAKTHROUGH ON THE SIDE..
EH?
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A COINCIDENCE
RIGHT WHEN HE CLEARED THE SHOT, HE PASSED IT OUT TO THE RIGHT SIDE!
HE SAW MATOBE-KUN FILLING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD
.....
.....
WHA-!
T-THAT'S A LIE RIGHT? DOING THAT IN AN INSTANT!?

BUT ENO HIGH IS QUICKLY BACK IN DEFENSE!
YAKUMO HAS GONE UP TO STOP OOTSUKI ON THE RIGHT SIDE.
AND FROM BEHIND, ARAKI TOO IS CHASING.
AN EARLY CROSS! KATSURAGI'S THERE!!
SLOW!
KAIOUJI TOO... JUMP!
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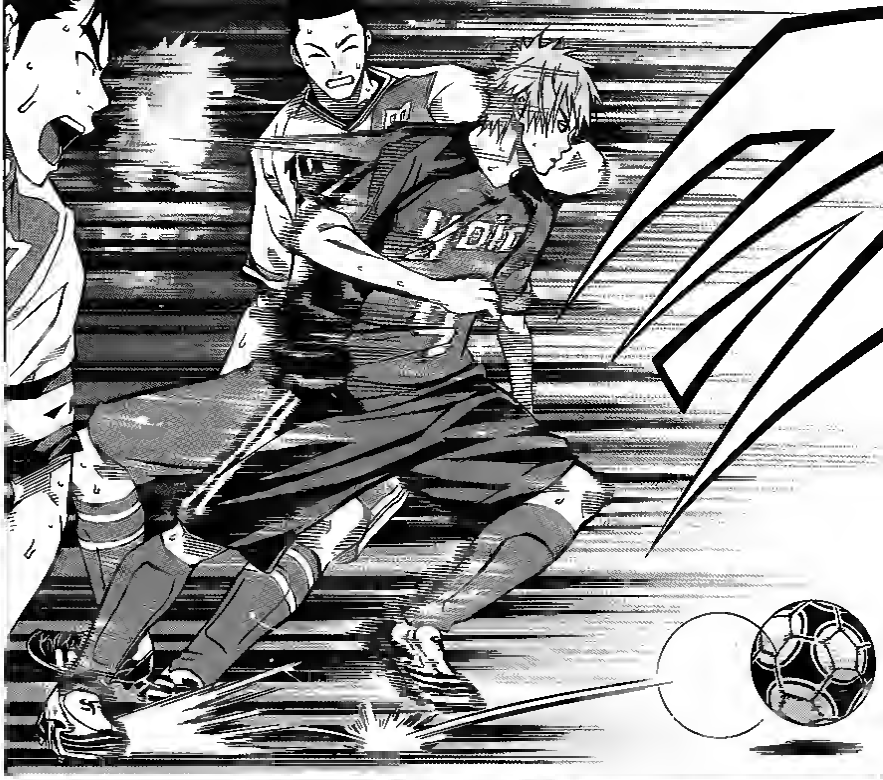
AH, IT'S OVER KATSURAGI! THE BALL DROPS...
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
AT ONIMARU'S FEET!!



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KUH!!
ODA FOULED ONIMARU, FREE-KICK!

EVEN WITH 4 PEOPLE, THEY ONLY MANAGED TO STOP HIM WITH A FOUL...!
TCH
BUT WHAT A FORMIDABLE DRIBBLER! ONIMARU HARUKI!!

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTION!
!?

PHEW
ONCE HE SPEEDS OFF, HE'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH, THAT GUY

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HINO-KUN TO THE RIGHT, KAKERU-KUN, YOU'LL SLOT IN THE MIDDLE
NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THE WARM-UP BEFORE THE MATCH, YOU'LL BE FINE GOING ON IMMEDIATELY RIGHT?
Y-YES!!

OH! MATOBE'S TAKEN OFF, HINO WILL TAKE OVER ON THE RIGHT.
.....
AND CENTRE FORWARD AIZAWA HAS ENTERED!!
COACH, WHY AM I TAKEN OFF?
TODAY, MY DRIBBLING IS GOOD AND I'M CREATING CHANCES!
BUT YOU DIDN'T DEFEND NOR GO BACK WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT PLAYING AGAINST A TEAM WHICH A SENPAI YOU RESPECT IS IN.
HOWEVER IN ENO HIGH FOOTBALL, EVEN AS A FORWARD, YOU HAVE TO DEFEND.

BECAUSE OF THAT, ARAKI-KUN HAD TO COVER ON THE RIGHT AND COULDN'T GO FORWARD.
YOU WERE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT ATTACKING AND REMAINED IN FRONT.

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BECAUSE OUR OPPONENT IS YOUIN, WE DEFINITELY CAN'T ALLOW THEM TO SCORE FIRST, I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.
MIGHT, IN SOME CASES, LEAD THE TEAM TO VICTORY.
THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, DEPENDING ON THE OPPONENT, SUCH HIGHLY MOTIVATED OFFENSE

...
...YES.
COACH IWAKI LOOKS GENTLE BUT HE CAN BE STRICT TOO.
How early, well, it can't be helped that the right winger was taken off but...
HERE HE COMES. SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT.
KAKERU...
RECIPIENT OF A GENIUS' HEART, LITTLE BROTHER-KUN.

NOW THEN!! 20 MINUTES INTO THE FIRST HALF, APPEARING EARLY!
"THOROUGHBRED STRIKER" AIZAWA KAKERU.
UP TILL NOW, 5 GOALS IN 5 GAMES, BASED ON HIS GOAL-SCORING INSTINCT, HOPE HE SCORES THE FIRST GOAL!! OPEN THE VENTILATOR OF THIS STALEMATE!!
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